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C O N F I D E N T I A L STOCKHOLM 5341

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SUBJECT: MFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR ON CURRENT POLICY

1. DURING LUNCH WITH DCM AND POLITICAL COUNSELOR
SEPTEMBER 24, MFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR LEIF LEIFLAND
TOUCHED ON THE SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT PERIOD THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY IS NOW GOING THROUGH WAITING FOR A NEW BOSS
TO BE NAMED AND FOR POLICY TO BE FORMULATED.

2. LEIFLAND SAID IT WAS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT
SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO WOULD MAKE HIS
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TENTATIVELY PLANNED VISIT TO SWEDEN THIS FALL OR

THAT CASTRO WOULD COME ANY TIME IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE (STOCKHOLM 5235). HE SAID OBVIOUSLY THE NORDIC COUNTRIES WOULD COME FIRST IN THE VISITS SPHERE, THEN IN THE SECOND CIRCLE FRIENDS IN EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA, THEN IN THE THIRD CIRCLE SOME OTHER COUNTRIES INCLUDING THE USSR AND CUBA.

3. LEIFLAND WAS FRANK TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT DURING THE CURRENT INTERREGNUM, DAY-TO-DAY POLICY WAS NOT ALWAYS EASY TO FORMULATE. AS AN EXAMPLE HE CITED THE SWEDISH DELEGATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY MEETING IN RIO DE JANEIRO, WHOSE SPEECH HAD BEEN DRAFTED (BACK IN THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC ERA) BEFORE THEIR DEPARTURE FROM STOCKHOLM. THE DELEGATION HAD TELEPHONED FROM RIO DE JANEIRO TO ASK IF THEY SHOULD GIVE THE SPEECH AS DRAFTED, AND LEIFLAND INSTRUCTED THEM NOT TO SPEAK. THE NUCLEAR ISSUE WAS OF SUFFICIENT IMPORTANCE DURING THE ELECTIONS THAT LEIFLAND FELT THE NEW GOVERNMENT HAD TO BE CONSULTED BEFORE ANY SWEDISH COMMITMENTS WERE MADE IN THIS FIELD. LEIFLAND INTIMATED THAT INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SWEDISH UNGA DELEGATION MIGHT POSE SIMILAR PROBLEMS IN SOME FIELDS, PENDING INSTALLATION OF A NEW GOVERNMENT NEXT MONTH.
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